

KAS-241

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Hideki AKITA et al.  
Serial No.: not yet assigned  
Filed: April 1, 2005  
For: SLIDE BEARING ASSEMBLY AND SLIDE BEARING  
Group: not yet assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 1, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.